



Municipal Election Calendar

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For more information on the 2020 Municipal General Election and a more detailed elections calendar, please refer to the Special Report prepared by the Alabama League of Municipalities titled "Procedures for Holding Elections in Mayor-Council Municipalities" (2019 ed.) which will be available for download after November 15, 2019 at www.alalm.org.

2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

AUGUST 25, 2019:

- First day candidates can raise or spend money. §17-5-7(b)(2).
- An ordinance establishing the use of electronic vote counters must be adopted. No deadline is set, but the ordinance must be adopted far enough in advance to meet other election deadlines. §17-7-21.

FEBRUARY 25, 2020:

- Last day for the council to change the salaries for officials who will be elected in August. §§11-43-2, 11-43-80.
- Last day for the council to decide whether to elect councilmembers at large or from districts. §§11-43-2, 11-43-63.
- Last day for the council in municipalities with a population of less than 10,000 to provide by ordinance for a procedure for the appointment of additional election officials to receive, count, and return the absentee ballots cast at the election. §§ 11-46-27, 17-11-10 and 17-11-11.

MARCH 31, 2020: Last day for councils elected at large to number the places for election purposes. §11-46-22.

MAY 25, 2020:

- Last day for the council to change its district lines. §11-46-23.
- Last day for the council to change the location of or add designated voting places. See §17-6-4(d).
- **Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality and district in order to become a candidate.** §§ 11-46-24(b), 11-46-25(g), 11-43-63.

JUNE 26, 2020: First day to conduct a training school for officials who will conduct an election using electronic voting machines. §17-8-9.

JULY 2, 2020: Last day for council to adopt an ordinance establishing qualification fees. §11-46-2.

JULY 7, 2020:

- Mayor gives notice of the election. §11-46-22(a).
- **Candidates may begin qualifying at city hall once notice is published.** Candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interests form with the ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION in order to appear on the ballot. §36-25-15(a).

For questions regarding the Statement of Economic Interests, please call the Alabama Ethics Commission at 334-242-2997.

JULY 21, 2020:

- **Last day, by 5:00 p.m., to qualify to run for municipal office.** §11-46-25(g).
- Mayor must file a list of qualified voters with the clerk. §11-46-36. If the mayor is a candidate in the election, the council must appoint a qualified person to perform this duty. §11-46-37.